

## SOUTH AFRICA 1877-79, CLASP 1879 TO THE KING'S DRAGOON GUARDS



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John Henry Farrar, aged 18, from Farnley, Leeds, enlisted into the 6<sup>th</sup> Inniskilling Dragoons at Leeds on 7 November 1876. He transferred to the 1<sup>st</sup> Dragoon Guards on 16 February 1879 and embarked for service in South Africa. Serving throughout the Zulu War, he deserted on 6 November 1879 but rejoined 20 days later. Confined and tried on 15 January 1880, he was imprisoned, being released on 7 April 1880. Leaving South Africa for India on 28 September 1880, he served in India until January 1890, being finally discharged from the army on 31 January 1890.

The 1<sup>st</sup> King's Dragoon Guards served in the second invasion of Zululand. Elements served at the battle of Ulundi and the capture of the Zulu King Later serving in the Sekukuni Campaign, a small number remained in South Africa during the 1<sup>st</sup> Boer War, these men formed the core of the mounted infantry squadron.



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